

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number	: 10/642,272	Confirmation No.:	3248
Applicant	: Fumiyuki HATTORI, <i>et al.</i>		
Filed	: August 18, 2003		
Title	: THERAPEUTIC METHODS AND AGENTS FOR DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH DECREASED EXPRESSION OF AOP-1 GENE OR AOP-1		
TC/Art Unit	: 1632		
Examiner:	: Marcia S. Noble		
Docket No.	: 58777.000012		
Customer No.	: <b>21967</b>		

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION, PETITION FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME, AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to, and concurrently with, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2007 ("Office Action"), in the above-identified application.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period within which to file a response up to and including Monday, November 19, 2007 (November 17, 2007, being a Saturday). Accordingly, this submission is responsive within the paid-for extensions of time. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$1,860.00 to cover the three-month extension of time (\$1,050.00) and RCE (\$810.00) fees.

Applicants provide this amendment in the following format:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7.